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1. PARA. 1.B. OF REFTEL REPORTS THAT CANADIAN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT NOW HAS FORMAL PROPOSAL BEFORE BRITISH WHEREBY, PROBABLY BEGINNING LATTER PART OF 1976, UK WOULD SERVE AS COLLECTION AGENT FOR CANADIAN NORTH ATLANTIC CHARGES. CANADA WOULD PAY FIVE PERCENT COMMISSION TO UK FOR COLLECTION OF USER CHARGES JUST AS DENMARK AND ICELAND ARE ALREADY DOING IN CONNECTION WITH UK COLLECTION OF USER CHARGES FOR AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES IN GREENLAND, THE FAROES AND ICELAND UNDER ICAO-ADMINISTERED JOINT FINANCING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENTS.

2. 1973 ICAO CONFERENCE ON DANISH AND ICELANDIC JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENTS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL STATES, INCLUDING

DENMARK AND ICELAND, WHICH PROVIDE AIR NAVIGATION ROUTE FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR CIVIL AIRCRAFT CROSSING NORTH ATLANTIC EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A SINGLE UNIFIED CHARGING SYSTEM. ICAO NOW UNDERSTANDS SOME NORTH

ATLANTIC PROVIDER STATES HOPE TO HAVE EXPLORATORY TALKS IN 1976 TO CONSIDER WHAT PROGRESS TOWARD SUCH A SYSTEM IS FEASIBLE. FYI DEPT UNDERSTANDS UK AND CANADA ALREADY ARE CONSIDERING SUCH A SCHEME. END FYI

3. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING WHATEVER INFORMATION EMB IS ABLE TO OBTAIN DISCRETELY REGARDING UK VIEWS ON MATTERS DEALT WITH IN FOREGOING PARAGRAPHS. KISSINGER

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